



Golf

Our 1st and 2nd teams played in the Chairman's Trophy which is a knockout competition in which all schools in the area are allowed to enter two teams. Our 2nd team did very well and won their first three matches but eventually lost to Waterkloof's 1st Team which ended up playing in the final. This year, our 1st team had exceptional talent! They were Lloyd du Preez, Johan de Beer, JP du Plessis and Leon-Brink Knoll. All four of the boys played off a scratch handicap or better and were definitely one of the best teams we have had during the past ten years. They went through to the final where they met Waterkloof's 1st team. We beat them convincingly 3-1, stamping our authority as the top gold school in Pretoria.

During the Gauteng North Golf Championships in May, JP du Plessis won the individual tournament with two rounds of 70 and 70, 4 under par. PBHS won the team event easily, with Lloyd du Preez not even playing. By winning this tournament PBHS qualified to represent Gauteng North at the Top Schools of South Africa Tournament at the end of July in Middleburg.

Meanwhile, during the first part of the year, Johan de Beer played exceptionally well in all the qualifying tournaments all over South Africa and was selected for the South African Boys U18 Team who represented South Africa in Holland during the July holidays. They did very well over there and we are very proud of Johan. Unfortunately for the school, Johan was still representing South Africa in Holland and could not play in the Top Schools of South Africa Tournament. Stephen Holder who was best player in the 2nd team, had to step up as the fourth member of the 1st team during this tournament. Unfortunately, our boys did not have a good day in general and were placed 5th in South Africa after 36 holes. Our combined score was only ten shots behind the eventual winners.

The actual Gauteng golf league takes place during the 3rd and 4th terms. We entered the 1st and 2nd teams in the A Division where you have to have a handicap of less than 10. We entered our 3rd and 4th teams into the B Division where you have to have a handicap of between 10 and 18. We also entered a development side into the C Division where the players have to be in Forms 1 to 3 and have no handicap or a handicap between 18-24. These boys play matches against other schools but there is no actual league for them. Our 5th

team really enjoyed the golf and opportunity to play on some of the better golf courses in Pretoria. Our 4th team played well and just missed the semi finals. Our 3rd team also played very well and made it to the semi final where they lost 3-1 to Affies. Unfortunately, our 2nd team could not make it to the semi finals due a very difficult draw.

As expected, our 1st team went through to the semi finals where they played against Eldoraigue and beat them 4-0. We then played against Waterkloof's 1st team in the final. The boys played superb golf and three of the four boys finished under par to beat Waterkloof 4-0 and became the Gauteng North Golf Champions! We proceeded to represent the top school in Gauteng North at a tournament in Witbank where all the top schools of the provinces north of the Vaal played. Once again the boys played exceptional golf and won by beating the 2nd best school by 11 shots. This was another brilliant achievement. Johan de Beer, JP du Plessis and Leon-Brink Knoll were also selected to represent Gauteng North's Provincial team. If Lloyd du Preez had been available for selection he would have made the team as well and most probably as captain. At the end of October, Johan de Beer became the number one boy in South Africa on the South African Golf Foundation Rankings and was selected once again to represent South Africa to play against Holland in Cape Town where they did very well. Johan did us proud once again.

Johan de Beer was awarded Honours for his golf achievements during the year. Lloyd du Preez, JP du Plessis and Leon-Brink Knoll all received Full Colours for their great achievements during the year.

My thanks go to all the boys who represented the school on the golf course this year. Their impeccable behaviour made them great ambassadors for the school. Numerous staff from other school complimented the boys which made me very proud to be a Boys High staff member.

Finally, thanks are due to Mr Jordan who took the 2nd team and Mr Fielding who took the 3rd and 4th teams this year. Without their help we would not have had such a successful season. The time and effort that the two of them put into the school's golf is appreciated and I look forward to working with them next year.

Mike Smuts, Master-in-Charge

